Coast District Bussei Girls' Cage Tourney Set for Sunday

Monterey Sextette Favored to Cop Basketball Title

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SAN JOSE, Jan. 5—The Coast district Bussei girls' basketball tourney will be held in San Jose this Sunday afternoon at the St. Joseph's high gym starting at 1 p.m., according to Aya Kifune, local YWBA athletic manager. Arrangements were completed with Lorraine Fujino of Salinas, Coast district YWBA athletic manager.

Drawing will be held in the local temple committee room at noon. The winner will represent this district at the Northern California finals, to be held the following Sunday at Sacramento.

Entries include the defending champion Salinas Bluettes, Monterey YWBA and the San Jose Purplettes. Monterey's impressive preseason record stamps them as favorites with the Purplettes having a remote chance. Monterey already holds victories over both Salinas and San Jose.

Salinas' chance hinges on whether they can regain the form which won for them the 1939 state title. The team is intact from last year, but lack of practice as a unit was expected to prove its downfall. Making the San Jose trip will be Alice Matsushita, Sally Matsushita, Miya Miyanaga, Anna Mae Fujino, Lorraine Fujino, Lorraine Tazumi, Fusako Miyanaga, Ruby Tsuna, Mitsu Fujikawa, Mary Tsukamoto, Yuki Toya and Fumi Onitsuka.

As Mary Enokida goes, so goes Monterey and if Miss Enokida is anywhere near her top form, the Monterey girls are destined to become the new champions. Besides Mary Enokida, coach Yoneo Gota has Fumi Owashi, Mollie Tsubouchi, Mary Oyama, S. Takigawa, Y. Oyama and Kawamoto.

Beaten but once in five starts this season, San Jose is regarded as the "dark horse" team. In their last two games, the Purulettes defeated the San Luis Obispo and Mountain View sextettes. Led by Tetsuko Okida, high scoring forward, the squad consists of Marian Hiaga, Mitsuko Sugeishi, Aiko and Grace Okida, Sayo Kurasaki and Yuri Kawakami, Grace Sakamoto, Aya Kifune.